

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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WILLIAM DIXON, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS, et al.

Defendants.

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Civil Action No. 1:74-cv-00285 (TFH)

CONSENT ORDER

Upon the oral application of plaintiffs at a hearing held herein on July 12, 2006 and upon the subsequent agreement of plaintiffs and defendants to expedite payments to vendors for community-based mental health and related support services provided to mental health consumers in FY 2005 and billed to the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health (DMH) prior to July 12, 2006, it is hereby

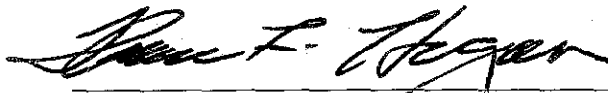
ORDERED, that any vendor that provided services to the DMH in FY 2005 and that seeks expedited payment pursuant to this Order for a valid and approved claim submitted to DMH prior to July 12, 2006 for those FY 2005 services shall provide DMH with the following: (1) a declaration that the vendor is in danger of closing or reducing services to mental health consumers who are Dixon class members, thereby causing potential for harm to those class members, (2) a declaration that the vendor is unable to secure necessary alternative financing to await payment through the ratification or other processes required by District of Columbia law, and (3) a signed statement that the amount of the expedited payment is the total due and owing for all services rendered in FY 2005; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the District of Columbia and DMH will take all reasonable steps to provide the expedited payments within 10 business days of receipt of the materials satisfying the requirements in the above paragraph; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any vendor that provided community-based mental health and related support services to mental health consumers in FY 2005 and that does not wish to receive expedited payment pursuant to terms of this Order will receive payment for those services in accordance with DMH's policies and procedures and after completion of the contract ratification process required by District of Columbia law; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Dennis Jones, the Court Monitor, will take all reasonable steps to monitor the provision of the payments in accordance with this Order.

SO ORDERED.


Thomas F. Hogan
Chief Judge, United States District Court

Dated: 8/1/06